

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 9-14, 16 and 20-23 as follows:

1. (Original) A receptacle for electrical cable comprising a substantially rigid stand member carrying a flexible cable retaining member which is so formed as to resiliently retain the cable against the stand while allowing a flow of air past the cable.
2. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the flexible member is connected to the rigid member by at least one strap.
3. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein said at least one strap is resilient.
4. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein said at least one strap is elasticated.
5. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein said flexible member is resilient.
6. (Original) A receptacle according claim 2, wherein the flexible member is connected to the rigid member by one strap forming a border around the periphery of the flexible member.
7. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 2 wherein at least part of said at least one strap connects the flexible member to the rigid member removably.
8. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 7 wherein said at least one strap connects the flexible member to the rigid member removably via studs with

enlarged heads acting as hooks.

9. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the flexible member is a perforated bag.

10. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the flexible member is a net.

11. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the flexible member is elasticated.

12. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to claim 10 ~~and claim 11~~, wherein the net is sufficiently elastic to permit an electrical plug appliance to be pushed through an aperture of the net and then retained securely inside it.

13. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~ in which the rigid member comprises a sheet of material, one edge of which is formed into an L-shaped cross-section, so as to form a stand.

14. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the rigid member includes cable guide means.

15. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 14, wherein said guide means comprises slots for locating cables.

16. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to claim 14 ~~or claim 15~~, wherein said guide means includes a trough formed at the opposite edge to the edge having the L-shaped cross-section.

17. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein the rigid member is formed from a sheet material and said each slot for locating cables extends inwards from an edge of the rigid member.

18. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein said slots for locating cables are so shaped as to co-operate with an adjacent surface in order to retain the cables.

19. (Original) A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein said slots for locating cables are formed so as to co-operate with a table in order to retain the cables.

20. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the rigid member is adapted to hang from the edge of a desk.

21. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the rigid member is adapted to stand upright on a surface.

22. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein said rigid member has silicone or rubber strips to grip the surface of a table desk or the like.

23. (Currently Amended) A receptacle according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1 which is also adapted to house a multiway connector.